# **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**









# **GOVERNMENT**

## **Chief of State**

President Joseph R. BIDEN, Jr.

# **Head of Government**

Governor Ralph TORRES

# **Government Type**

republican form of government with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches; a commonwealth in political union with and under the sovereignty of the US

## Capital

Saipan

# Legislature

bicameral Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature consists of the Senate (9 seats) and the House of Representatives (20 seats)

#### **Judiciary**

Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; US Federal District Court

## **GEOGRAPHY**

## Area

Total: 464 sq km Land: 464 sq km Water: 0 sq km

# **Climate**

tropical marine; moderated by northeast trade winds, little seasonal temperature variation; dry season December to June, rainy season July to October

# **Natural Resources**

arable land, fish

# **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

economy has been on the rebound in the last few years, mainly on the strength of its tourism industry; making a concerted effort to broaden its tourism by extending casino gambling from the small Islands of Tinian and Rota to the main Island of Saipan, its political and commercial center

# **GDP** (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.242 billion (2016 est.)

# **GDP** per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$24,500 (2017 est.)

# **Exports**

\$914 million (2016 est.)

# **Imports**

\$893 million (2016 est.)

## **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

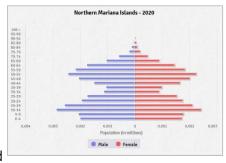
51,660 (July 2021 est.)

# **Population Growth**

-0.36% (2021 est.)

#### **Ethnicity**

Asian 50% (includes Filipino 35.3%, Chinese 6.8%, Korean 4.2%, and



other Asian 3.7%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 34.9% (includes Chamorro 23.9%, Carolinian 4.6%, and other Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 6.4%), other 2.5%, two or more ethnicities or races 12.7% (2010 est.)

# Language

Philippine languages 32.8%, Chamorro (official) 24.1%, English (official) 17%, other Pacific island languages 10.1%, Chinese 6.8%, other Asian languages 7.3%, other 1.9% (2010 est.)

#### Religion

Christian (Roman Catholic majority, although traditional beliefs and taboos may still be found)

#### Urbanization

urban population: 91.8% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)